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Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Roy Blunt (Mo.) – Email/Letter – 6/20/14: Gentry County concerned with EPA fine for violation of the CWA. Due: 7/7/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. Sam Graves (Mo.); **Rep. Vicky Hartzler** (Mo.); **Rep. Jason Smith** (Mo.); **Rep. Ann Wagner** (Mo.); **Rep. Billy Long** (Mo.); **Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer** (Mo.); **Rep. Kevin Yoder** (Kan.); **Rep. Lynn Jenkins** (Kan.); **Rep. Adrian Smith** (Neb.) – Letter – 6/17/14: Concerns regarding the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permitting of Water Treatment Plant lime residuals along the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. Due: 7/2/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Associated Press, Kansas City - Maria Fisher – 6/2/14: Follow-up questions regarding National Zinc site in Cherryvale, Kan. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

LeMars Daily Sentinel (Iowa) – Bennett Goldstein – 6/11/14 - Questions about HWY3 PCE Site in LeMars, Iowa. Will follow-up with him on June 30. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

KIOS Omaha Public Radio – Cheril Lee – 6/16/14: Requests interview on 6/19/14 about \$200,000 EPA Environmental Education Grant to the Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance for Grassroots Latino Environmental Education (GLEE) initiative in Omaha. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Kansas Health Network/Kansas Public Radio - Bryan Thompson – 6/19/14: Request to conduct live interview with regional administrator regarding health impacts of the Clean Power Plan. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis – Veronique LaCapra – 6/20/14: Discussed correction to KWMU's 6/19/14 online story about Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster's concerns about the speed of EPA's work at the West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo, and the speed of the agency's response to the MoAG's FOIA request. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Wall Street Journal – John Emshwiller – 6/20/14: Follow-up questions about EPA's cleanup levels for total Radium and Thorium-230 in the Supplemental Feasibility Study Work Plan for OU-1 at the West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

Environmental Stories:

Associated Press - Koster, Bridgeton Landfill owner reach agreement - 6/19/14 - Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster's office has reached agreement with the owners of the Bridgeton Landfill, measures aimed at better controlling underground smoldering and reducing a strong odor that has troubled neighboring residents for months.

<http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/06/19/missouri-chris-koster-bridgeton-landfill-agreement/10881499/>

Also KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis, KTVI Ch. 3 St. Louis, KZIM Radio Cape Girardeau (Mo.), Miami Herald, U.S. News & World Report, KMOV Ch. 4 St. Louis

KMOX Radio - Koster Reaches Agreement with Bridgeton Landfill Owners - 6/19/14 - Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster has reached an agreement with Republic Services, the owners of Bridgeton Landfill, to install new equipment to limit odors and to better monitor the progress of the fire. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/06/19/koster-reaches-agreement-with-bridgeton-landfill-owners/>

St. Louis Public Radio - Bridgeton Landfill Owner Agrees To New Measures To Monitor Underground Fire And Control Odors - 6/19/14 - Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster has reached a new agreement with Bridgeton Landfill owner Republic Services. It includes additional measures that Republic must take to monitor the movement of an underground fire at the landfill and to control the foul odors — and potentially toxic gases — emanating from it. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/bridgeton-landfill-owner-agrees-new-measures-monitor-underground-fire-and-control-odors>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - New court agreement for odor, fire control at Bridgeton and West Lake landfills - 6/19/14 - The owner of the Bridgeton and West Lake landfills promises to improve odors and improve efforts to keep an underground fire from reaching radioactive material, under a new agreement with Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster that was announced Thursday. http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/new-court-agreement-for-odor-fire-control-at-bridgeton-and/article_b2640c74-5104-5c7f-9d92-c60cf43c7cb8.html

BNA - EPA Official Defends Power Plant Proposal As House Republicans Question Legality - 6/20/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency's top air official told a House subcommittee June 19 that the agency has the legal authority under a little-used section of the Clean Air Act to issue a proposed rule to curb carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants. <http://www.bna.com/epa-official-defends-n17179891453/>

Politico - EPA administrator denies war on coal (video) - 6/19/14 - am doing what Congress told me to do with the Clean Air Act and what they told me to do was see how you can reduce pollution in ways that are reasonable and achievable, that follows the law and that follows the science. <http://www.politico.com/story/2014/06/gina-mccarthy-epa-108100.html>

KSPR Ch. 33 Springfield (Mo.) - Nixon calls for state energy plan within a year - 6/20/14 - Missouri Governor Jay Nixon wants a lot of energy put into putting an energy plan on his desk within a year. The governor has signed an executive order to formally launch the development of a comprehensive State Energy Plan. http://www.kspr.com/news/local/nixon-calls-for-state-energy-plan-within-a-year/21051620_26569162

Omaha World-Herald - Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert seeks 45 percent increase in sewer fees - 6/19/14 - The Omaha City Council next week will begin considering a proposal from Mayor Jean Stothert to raise city residential sewer use fees a total of about 45 percent over the next four years. That's because the city has committed to a series of construction projects over the next 13 years under agreements with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. http://www.omaha.com/news/metro/omaha-mayor-jean-stothert-seeks-percent-increase-in-sewer-fees/article_69cbb115-2787-56f1-bb3d-e5a1f815687f.html

Nebraska Watchdog - Rising sewer rates find many Omahans facing financial 'hardship' - 6/20/14 - 45 percent jump in residential sewer fees over the next four years appears to be just the beginning with more hikes down the road, as Omahans face what's said to be a highly "widespread" financial burden. <http://watchdog.org/155334/rising-sewer-rates-find-many-omahans-facing-financial-hardship/>

Associated Press - EPA awards \$1.2 million grant to clean contaminated land in NW Missouri, NE Kansas - 6/19/14 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$1.2 million in grants to clean up contaminated properties in 15 counties of northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas.

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/422909cfb3874afcb2af7e952d52a35/MO--Grant-Contamination-Cleanup>

Water Technology - EPA grant money to help with training for environmental & wastewater treatment jobs - 6/20/14 - Dozens of underused or abandoned properties compromised by hazardous wastes or petroleum contamination in a 15-county area of northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas may be eligible for environmental redevelopment funding as a result of \$1.2 million in new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grants to the region. <http://www.watertechnology.com/articles/168342-epa-grant-money-to-help-with-training-for-environmental-wastewater-treatment-jobs>

KQTV Channel 2, St. Joseph - EPA Announces \$1.2 Million in Grants to Redevelop Brownfield Areas - 6/19/14 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$1.2 million in grants to the Mo-Kan Regional Council to help clean up brownfields in northwest Missouri and northeast Kansas. <http://www.stjoechannel.com/story/d/story/epa-announces-12-million-in-grants-to-redevelop-br/34151/QWMEGluCV0m0FFFrcRzQ-Q>

St. Joseph News-Press - EPA Grants Will Help Clean Up Areas - 6/19/14 - Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas communities saddled with abandoned and hazardous sites will soon find a boost from two federal grants. Renewal and economic development will result from the money, officials said Thursday at the Mo-Kan Regional Council, 224 N. Seventh Street. http://www.newspressnow.com/news/local_news/article_a85bccd6-0ab0-5fc0-b2c2-7af6077c5ef9.html

KSPR Ch. 33 Springfield, Mo - State audit finds DNR Hazardous Waste Program lacking - 6/20/14 - Missouri's state auditor says the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Hazardous Waste Program needs to clean up its act. The audit found that the Hazardous Waste program has not completed investigations of potential environmental concerns at 23 identified or potential former manufactured gas plants. http://www.kspr.com/news/local/state-audit-finds-dnr-hazardous-waste-program-lacking/21051620_26572510

St. Louis Business Journal - Arch Coal CEO: Greenhouse gas regulations will fail to have impact for many years - 6/19/14 - Arch Coal CEO John Eaves was dismissive of President Obama's plan to fight climate change by cutting carbon pollution from the nation's power plants 30 percent from 2005 levels by 2030.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/blog/2014/06/arch-coal-ceo-greenhouse-gas-regulations-will-fail.html>

Greenability - Missouri poised to meet EPA carbon reduction targets years ahead of schedule - 6/20/14 - Missouri's existing clean energy policies, if fully implemented, can put the state on track to meet the carbon pollution reduction targets in the EPA's new Clean Power Plan nine years ahead of schedule.

<http://greenabilitymagazine.com/blog/2014/06/missouri-poised-to-meet-epa-carbon-reduction-targets-years-ahead-of-schedule/>

Iowa City Press-Citizen - Hog farm proposal withdrawn, but could still be built - 6/19/14 - A West Branch farmer seeking to expand his swine operation withdrew his application Thursday, though county leaders say he could sidestep the county's approval process and build a new hog confinement facility by moving it farther from an existing building.

<http://www.press-citizen.com/story/news/local/2014/06/19/west-branch-man-withdraws-hog-confinement-application/10849383/>

Fort Leavenworth Lamp - Environmental input sought - 6/19/14 - The public is being surveyed by the installation restoration program managers for interest in restoration program activities. A Restoration Advisory Board will be established if the survey determines there is sufficient interest. RAB members participate in the decision-making process on each of the restoration sites on the installation. <http://www.ftleavenworthlamp.com/article/20140619/NEWS/140619224#sthash.9rRBgeVB.dpuf>

KIOS Omaha Public Radio - Omaha Healthy Kids Receives \$200,000 EPA Grant - 6/20/14 - The Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance was recently awarded a \$200,000 environmental education grant by the EPA. Chris Whitley, spokesman for the US EPA, Region 7, says the funds will be used to develop a comprehensive program directed at Latino residents.

<http://kios.org/post/omaha-healthy-kids-receives-200000-epa-grant>

EnergyWire - Signs point to 'affordable' carbon reduction program -- EPA official - 6/19/14 - Doomsday scenarios for the electric power sector in the wake of the Obama administration's proposal to cut power plant carbon dioxide emissions ignore the industry's ability to innovate and adapt to change, a senior U.S. EPA official said yesterday.

<http://www.eenews.net/energywire/stories/1060001593>

National Law Review - US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to Phase Out Use of Older Standard Practice for Site Assessments - 6/19/14 - A Phase I Site

Assessment is used primarily to investigate commercial real estate for environmental conditions. On Tuesday, June 17th, the USEPA issued a proposed rule that would revoke USEPA's acceptance of the older standard, in favor of the newer version. <http://www.natlawreview.com/article/us-environmental-protection-agency-epa-to-phase-out-use-older-standard-practice-site>

Inside Climate - Why EPA Expects Its New Carbon Rule to Shrink Your Electric Bill - 6/20/14 - Although the price of electricity very well might rise, even significantly in some places, your monthly bill won't. <http://insideclimatenews.org/carbon-copy/20140620/why-epa-expects-its-new-carbon-rule-shrink-your-electric-bill>

Farm Futures - Senators' Bill Aims to Block EPA Waters of the US Rule - 6/20/14 - A group of 30 Republican U.S. Senators on Thursday introduced legislation to stop the U.S. EPA and Army Corps of Engineers from finalizing the proposed Waters of the U.S. rule, currently under public comment, which they say would ignore limits established by Congress regarding regulation of bodies of water in the United States if finalized. <http://farmfutures.com/story-senators-bill-aims-block-epa-waters-rule-0-114073>

Bloomberg - Gore Predicts Obama Will Reject TransCanada's Keystone XL - 6/18/14 - Al Gore, who has called the Keystone XL project "ridiculous" and an "atrocious," said he thinks President Barack Obama will reject the controversial pipeline between Alberta's oil sands and U.S. Gulf Coast refineries. <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-06-18/gore-predicts-obama-will-reject-transcanada-s-keystone-xl.html>

Digital Journal - Al Gore predicts Obama will reject Trans-Canada Keystone XL - 6/19/14 - Even as the US Senate energy and natural resources committee endorsed the Keystone XL pipeline, Al Gore predicted that U.S President Barack Obama will not approve it. <http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/politics/al-gore-predicts-obama-will-reject-trans-canada-keystone-xl/article/387165>

American Progress - 5 Ways Cities Can Prepare for the Carbon-Pollution Standards - 6/20/14 - Today, hundreds of mayors are convening in Dallas, Texas, for the 82nd annual meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Climate change will play a prominent role on the meeting's agenda because these mayors understand that the nation's cities and towns are the front line of the response to climate change. <http://americanprogress.org/issues/green/news/2014/06/20/92402/5-ways-cities-can-prepare-for-the-carbon-pollution-standards/>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

6/24-25/14 – Four-State Directors Meeting (with Joe Goffman), Nebraska City, Neb. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

7/9/14 – Waters of the U.S. events with Nancy Stoner, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

7/9/14 – Hinkson Creek meeting, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Shawn Grindstaff, 7274

7/11/14 – Joint R6/R7 COOP Meeting, Dallas, Texas. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

7/16/14 – Tribal Consultation Training, Regional Office. Contact: Heather Hamilton, 7039

7/21-22/14 – Budget Forum, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

7/23-24/14 – National Tribal Operations Committee Meeting, Washington DC. Contact: Lynn Slugantz, 7883

7/28-30/14 – Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting, Niobara, Neb. Contact: Lynn Slugantz, 7883

DRA:

6/24-25/14 – Four State Directors Meeting, Nebraska City, Neb. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

7/21-22/14 – Budget Forum, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

***7/23-7/24/14** Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, x7444

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

None

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

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9/29-30/14 - Healthy Schools Outreach, Missouri School Plant Managers' Association Conference, Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. Contact: Kathleen Fenton, 7874 and Harry Diesel, 7382

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None

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6/23-24/14 – Iowa Department of Natural Resources Copper Biotic Ligand Model Technical Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: John Reyna, 7021

6/23-26/14 – Office of Pesticide Programs/Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance National Federal Insecticide, Fungicide Rodenticide Act Supervisor's Meeting, Washington, DC. Contacts: Jamie Green, 7139, Royan Teter, 7609

6/24-26/14 – National Underground Injection Control Managers Meeting, Washington, DC. Contacts: Mary Mindrup, 7431, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

6/25/14 – Providing Technical Training on the Revised Total Coliform Rule for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Drinking Water Program, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Stan Calow, 7410